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COME SEE ABOUT HUEY

FEDERAL COURT BUILDING
450 GOLDEN GATE AVE
SAN FRANCISCO

10:00 A.M.
MAY 1ST

"EXHAUSTING ALL LEGAL MEANS"



Federal Judge Alfonso J. Zirpoli has set May 1st for a hearing to make the Reagan-Alioto power structure show why it will not release the Minister of Defense Huey P. Newton on bail which Huey has a right to, while pending his appeal.

DEMONSTRATION TO FREE HUEY

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TO FEED OUR CHILDREN

The Free Breakfast for School Children is about to cover the country and be initiated in every chapter and branch of the Black Panther Party. This program was created because the Black Panther Party understands that our children need a nourishing breakfast every morning so that they can learn.

These Breakfasts include every nutrient that they need for the day. For too long have our people gone hungry and without the proper health aids they need. But the Black Panther Party says that this type of thing must be halted, because we must survive this evil government and build a new one fit for the service of all the people. This program is run through donations of concerned people and the avaricious businessmen that pinch selfishly a little to the program. We say that this is not enough, especially from those that thrive off of the Black Community like leeches. All of the avaricious businessmen have their factories etc. centered in our communities and even most of the people that work in these sweat shops are members of the oppressed masses.

It is a beautiful sight to see our children eat in the mornings after remembering the times when our stomachs were not full, and even the teachers in the schools say that there is a great improvement in the academic skills of the children that do get the breakfast. At one time there were children that passed out in class from hunger, or had to be sent home for something to eat. But our children shall be fed, and the Black Panther Party will not let the malady of hunger keep our children down any longer.

The Breakfast has already been initiated in several chapters, and our love for the masses makes us realize that it must continue permanently and be a national program. But we need your help, and that means money, food, and time. We want to turn the program over to the community but without your efforts and support we cannot. We have had a few mothers to come down to the breakfast in the mornings to cook and serve, but not hardly enough. This is the people's program, for the people, and we want the people to assist in it. We are holding a community meeting May 3, 7:30 pm. at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church on 27th and West in Oakland, concerning the Breakfast Program. We will have a movie of the children participating in the children participating in the Breakfast, your children, to show to all of the members of our community. Speakers from the Black Panther Party shall inform you on the achievements of the Breakfasts, and the ways that you can assist. Hunger is one of the means of oppression and it must be halted.

POWER TO THE PEOPLE

STATEMENT TO THE PRESS ON THE BREAKFAST FOR CHILDREN

The Black Panther Party is appealing to everyone in Des Moines, to people who live and work in the city's Black Communities, and to all businessmen, merchants, and grocers who draw their profits from the Black Communities of Des Moines, to work with us to satisfy the pressing needs of Black People by donating some of your resources to the "Free Breakfast for Children Program". If the Breakfast program is to succeed, we must have donations of all kinds.

1. We need people who can provide transportation for children who have no way of getting to Forest Avenue Baptist Church to eat hot breakfast.
2. We need sisters and mothers who will donate their time to help prepare food and serve the children.
3. We need unlimited donations of foods which can be stored, such as cereal, grits, sugar, cocoa, salt and pepper, jelly, cooking oil.
4. We need daily and weekly donations of perishable foods such as eggs, milk, oranges, bacon, sausage, chopped ham, butter, donuts, and bread.
5. We need donations of kitchen utensils, pots and pans, potholders, paper plates, and cups, plastic forks, paper towels, scouring pads, and kitchen cleaners.
6. We need cash donations, unselfish donations of money, small and large donations of money, to buy food and utensils with which to serve the children and to serve the people.

If you want to help make the "Free Breakfast for Children" a program that truly satisfies the pressing needs of Black People, please call the Black Panther Party office at 288-0271 to offer your donations or services. Children are fed every school day. Starting at 6:30 a.m. at Forest Avenue Baptist Church located at 1016 Fores (11th Street).

The Breakfast for Children is the first of many programs to be started by the Black Panther Party to satisfy the pressing needs of our Black Community. In order that these programs are fully responsive to the needs of the people, we are organizing men and women from all areas of life and all economic backgrounds in our community to serve the people as a community Advisory Committee to the Black Panther Party. If you want to work with the Black Panther Party to plan and implement programs to the people, call the Black Panther Party office at 288-0271 to offer to serve the people on the Community Advisory Committee.

SOME CHAPTERS AND BRANCHES OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY WITH BREAKFAST PROGRAMS

CALIFORNIA

Oakland, West
St. Augustine's Episcopal Church
27th and West Sts.
Approx. 165 children each morning

Oakland, East
St. Bernard's Church
1620 62nd
approx. 100-plus per day

San Francisco (Fillmore)
Sacred Heart Parrish
Fell and Fillmore Sts.
approx. 97 per day

San Francisco (Dougle Rock)
922 Gillmore
approx. 82/day

San Francisco (Hunters Point)
Ridgepoint Methodist Church
181 Hilltop Rd.
approx. 85/day

Richmond
to start program Monday, April 21st
at 6th and Bissel

Vallejo
Black Panther Party Office
1024 Gateway
approx. 110 per day

Los Angeles

to start sometime near the end of this month

CHICAGO, ILL.

1. 1512 South Pulaski St.
approx. 200/day

2. 500 E. 37th St.
approx. 300/day

another Center to start April 21st
1400 N. Cleveland

**two more centers to open within the next two weeks*

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

to start program Monday April 21st

DES MOINES, IOWA

Forrest Ave. Baptist Church
1016 Forrest Ave.
approx 75-100 children per day

BREAKFAST FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

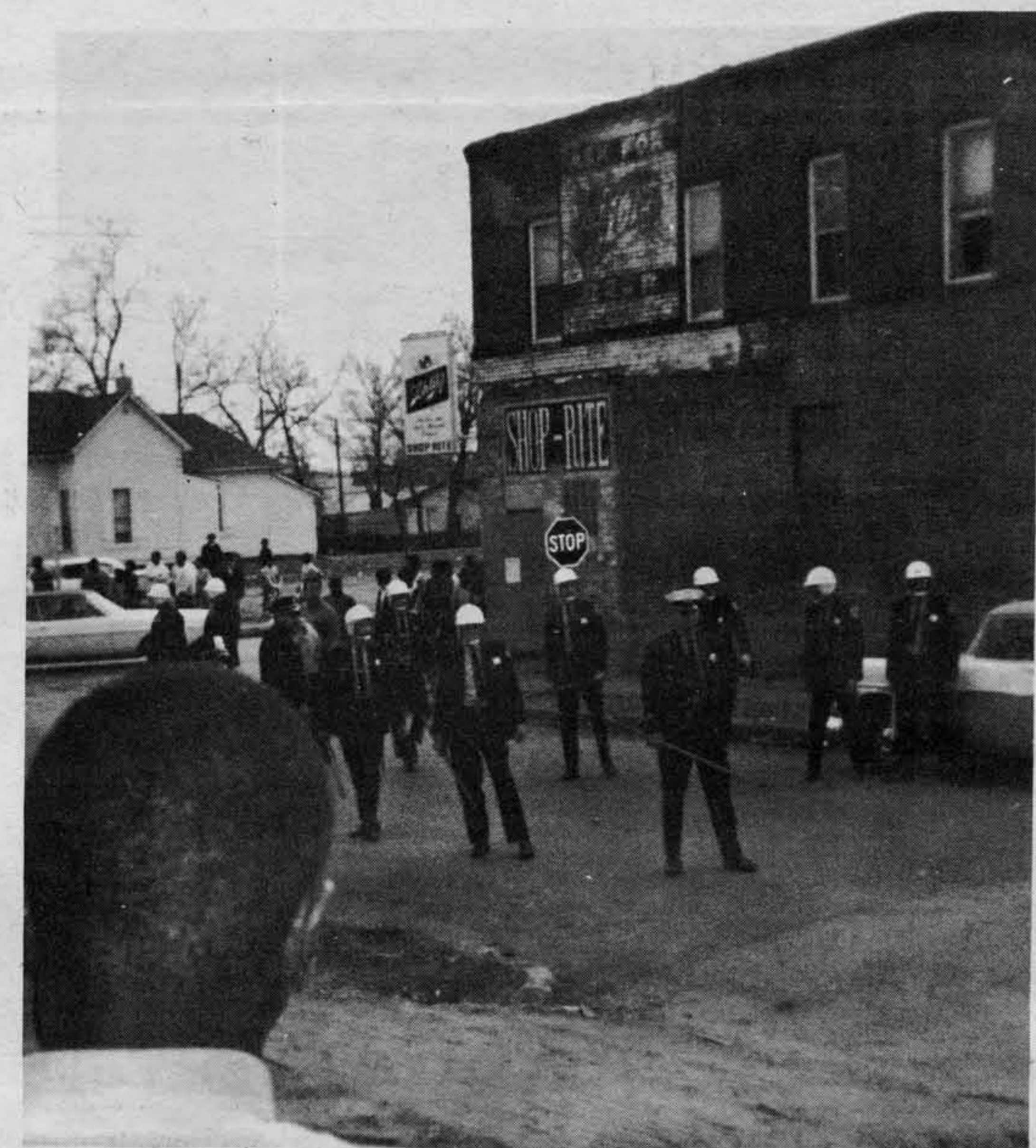
Richmond, California---The local Advisory Cabinet to the Richmond Black Panther Party is working with and for the First Christian's Church Program; Breakfast for Richmond School Children in the Black Community. All children in Elementary and growing young adults in Junior High Schools can receive free, full breakfasts before they go to school. The first breakfasts will be served, beginning at least one hour before school hours at the First Christian Church at 520 Bissell Avenue in Richmond, California.

The local Advisory Cabinet and Church Members are calling on all mothers and other interested people who would like to work with this revolutionary program of making sure that our young have full stomaches before going to school. The schools and the Board of Education should have had this program instituted a long time ago. How can our children learn anything when most of their stomachs are empty? Black People in the Black Community-Mothers, Welfare Recipients, Grandmothers, Guardians and others who are trying to raise children in the Black Community where racists oppress us, we ask you to come forth to work and support this needed program, Soul food: grits, eggs, bread and meat for the stomachs is where it's at when it comes to properly preparing our children for Education. Let's do it now. Support this community program.

Those who want to volunteer their work every morning or every other morning can come to the Black Panther Party Office at 520 Bissell Avenue in Richmond, California or contact Julius Thomas at these numbers 235-5316 or 234-3591. Interested persons may also contact Larry Greer at 234-1459 or sign up with other community people and Citizens for Full Stomachs and Better Education of Black Children.



All party work is political



DES MOINES BREAKFAST FOR CHILDREN RALLY ATTACKED BY PIGS

Pig power structure shows its piggish nature: Des Moines Panthers and Community people viciously attacked at a rally: Purpose of the rally was to solicit support for the Panther Party and its programs; raise money and obtain volunteers' AND to correct mistaken ideas about the Party. Thus further politically educating the people.

On April 13, 1969, the Black Panther Party of Des Moines, held a "Free Breakfast for School Children" rally to solicit support of the people for the program and to receive some donations to further implement that program and other Community Programs. During the greater part of the rally we were constantly under survelliance by no more than one or two patrol cars. Toward the conclusion of the rally more pigs assembled in the parking area of Goode Park (approximately 12 to 15). During this time the sound equipment had been dismanteled and was already in the process of being loaded into the car when the pigs in one-body ascended the hill and came over to us and told us to discontinue the use of the equipment because we did not have a permit to use it. Well Right ON! We told them that the equipment was being loaded and we weren't using the equipment -- so what was the problem?? Charles Knox, Deputy Minister of Education, was then informed that he was under arrest. When he asked about the charges he was told he was being arrested for "inciting to riot". Watching the whole incident, most of the brothers and sisters came over to demand that Charlie be freed because he was within his rights, which touched off a situation -- where the pigs began to sweat and oink, slobbering all over themselves trying to make contact with their nightsticks. At this point several people were arrested including Black Panthers (Mary Rhem and Steven Greene). Feeling the pain of injustices suffered there, the brothers moved off into University Avenue, the mainstream of the Black Community. Here more brothers and sisters were arrested, some beaten, and taken off to jail. After that I don't know what happened because I myself was put on ice while inquiring at the Police Station about the bonds of those arrested-money was being obtained to get those Brothers and Sisters out of jail.

This pig action is certainly a part of the push to destroy Black Panther leadership across the country along with the indictment of Chairman Bobby Seale in Chicago and the arrests of the 21 Black Panthers in New York City. The pig power structure does not want the "Free Breakfast Program" to go on because this program exposes the system for what it really is. It does not want the Panthers to help the people -- it is also a move to discredit the characters of the brothers here in the Party. Example, Knox's trial starts Wednesday on a trumped up charge of Arson (on 2 counts); Mike Harris is on probation with his probation officer threatening to revoke his parole. The Black Community will not allow the pig power structure to rope off the Black Community into a concentration camp and intimidate the people any longer.

We believe that the pigs also bombed Soul Village (Black recreational center and meeting hall), or they are covering up for the hogs that did.

Now the end of it is this: That the people's right to assemble in a peaceful manner was totally violated. Their right of free speech was violated; and above all--their right to be treated as "human-beings" was violated, ignored and disregarded. How does talking about a "Free Breakfast Program" constitute inciting a riot?? I just heard a statement issued by Pig-Urban (Mayor) about Brothers doing things in a violent manner. If anybody was inciting a riot - it was the pigs. We were going home!!!

There's a lot of questions left unanswered. Maybe things will come to light at the trials of those arrested (April 29, 1969, at 1:30 p.m.). Maybe through the lies and trumped-up statements we will detect the falseness and insincerity. The Black Community is getting our machinery in tact to make a transition. Who do they think they scare??? All they have accomplished is to make the people of the community, especially the ones who saw the vicious pig action, more receptive to what we have to say. The people will never forget the scene of "pigs" holding Riot-Guns on the Panther headquarters Sunday - while they continued to harass the members of the Black Community. The day has come - and oppressed people all over the world are rising up against the oppressor - and - by any means necessary. The Black Panther Party recognizes this very vital fact: the support and spirit of the people is much - much greater than the pig power structure's technology. For in the final outcome -- it will be people who will change and make history, not systems of vicious - slobbering - muddle-headed pigs. The people will be victorious!!!

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
BLACK POWER TO BLACK PEOPLE
PANTHER POWER TO THE VANGUARD

FREE HUEY!!!
FREE BOBBY SEALE "NOW"
FREE THE DES MOINES 3 "NOW"
FREE THE DES MOINES 14 "NOW"
FREE THE NEW YORK 21 "NOW"
FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS NOW!!!

WHY PIGS PERPETUATE RACISM

On Sunday, April 13, the Black Panther Party held a rally in Goode Park. The purpose of the rally was to raise money for the breakfast program which the Panthers started to feed children before school each day.

After the rally was over, the cops came to the park and arrested three of the Panthers--Charles Knox, Mary Smith and Steven Greene. They have been charged with disturbing the peace and quiet, using loud and profane language, and resisting arrest. Steven Greene was hit in the back of the head with a billy club, Knox was chocked and clubbed continuously. The cops began pushing people around in the park and hitting people. Many people were injured. The cops began to arrest Black people in the neighborhood (away from the park), including one mother, Mrs. De-Patten, who was trying to protect her son from a brutal beating in their own front yard along with two other brothers. The Deputy Minister of Defense was arrested in the police station and charged with: Unlawful assembly and resisting an officer. This was all done while he was trying to inquire about those Brothers & Sisters who were unjustly arrested!!

The cops tried to start a riot that night because they want to destroy the Black Panther Party. The cops and their bosses (the men who own the land, banks, and businesses in this city) are afraid of the Panthers because they expose the economic system for what it really is. The Panthers teach and lead people in struggles against a system that values profits more than it values human beings. They are fighting for a decent way of life for all poor and working people--black and white.

The Panthers have been raising money for a breakfast program. The program to feed school children everyday of the week on the West side by the Panthers. They also want to start this program on the Southeast Side.

The men who control this city are safe as long as they can make people believe that the causes of riots are individual people or an organization and not bad housing, unemployment, poor schools, etc. They make money by keeping black white people divided. They can then pay black workers less and keep white workers fighting the blacks rather than uniting to fight bosses.

What happened on Sunday night was a planned attack by the racist cops to discredit the Panther Party, harass the black community and build up racist attitudes of white people.

The Peace and Freedom Club of Des Moines supports the political program of the Black Panther Party and their work in the black community. We are trying to build a movement of all oppressed people to fight the profit-seeking interest of the bosses. We must defeat racism in order to do this. We are strong only by being united.

We must demand that charges be dropped against the Panthers and the Community People arrested Sunday. We want the racist cops withdrawn from the black community.

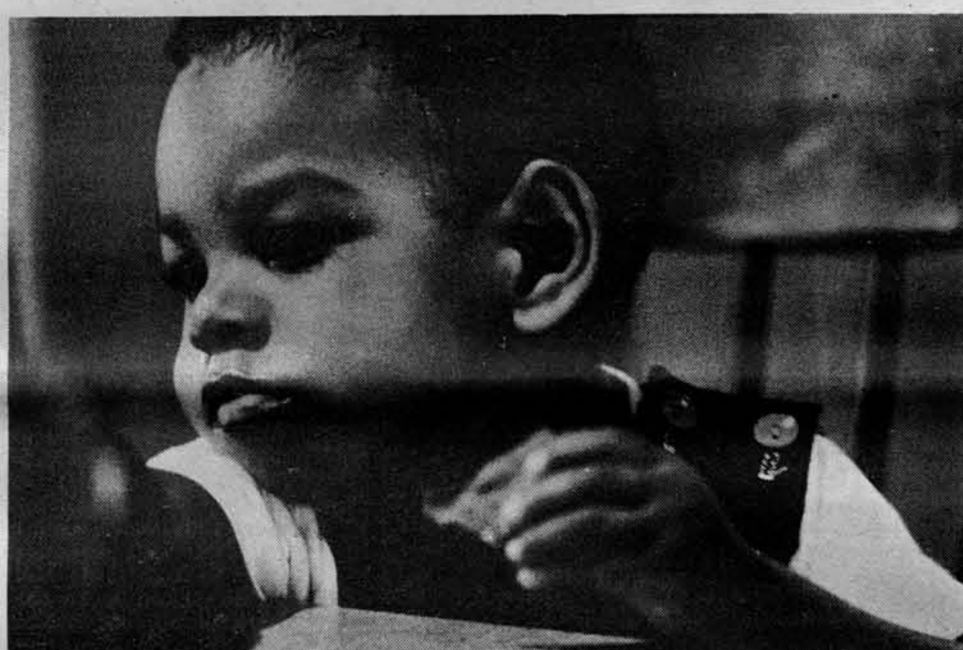
The following persons are no longer members of the Black Panther Party, and thereby classified as renagades, and/or counter-revolutionary. They are not to be associated with, or let into any Black Panther Office anywhere.

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Juan Martinez
Roy C.
Carl Walker
Bobby Rainey
Sean Dubbonet
Abdul
Jarabu (Jerry)
Enia
Bashir
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Jorge Aponte
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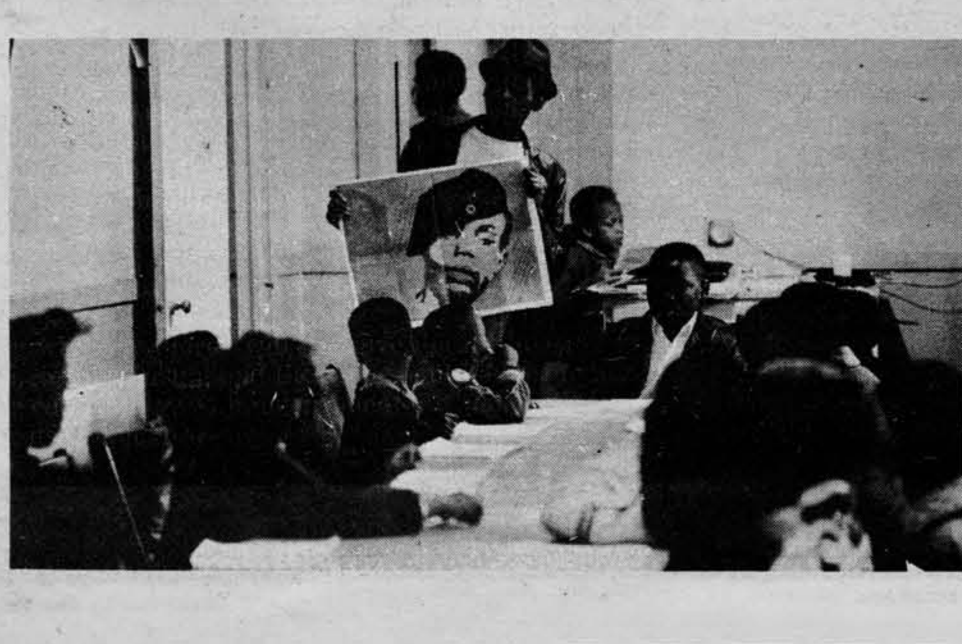
And End To Hunger Now!

Suffer Not, Little Children









It's 6:30 in the morning, and drizzling. On the sidewalk in front of the Black Panther office on Fillmore Street, a small group of Panthers are loading the trunk of a beat-up Cadillac with weapons of all kinds—milk, bacon, eggs, bread. I'm there to photograph their distribution to the new army: the black kids from Hunter's Point, Bayview, and Fillmore battlefronts. This is the Free Breakfast Program of the Black Panther Party.

Three local centers are going now: at Hilltop Street in Hunter's Point, at Sacred Heart Church in the Fillmore, and at Double Rock. From 50 to 100 kids are fed at each site every morning, and they get the very best the Panthers can offer. This amounts to the most solid meal that can be served on this planet, not simply because the chow is good and plentiful, but also because it's served in an atmosphere of brotherliness and communion. The "little brothers" are treated like part of the family, and the service includes both food and soul.

At Hunter's Point, where these photos are from, the dawn breaks on a drear and rainy sky. Groups of Panthers have been up for hours already, buying and delivering food, getting the stoves going and places set. Not much is aid—everyone's still sleepy and logey—but there's some concern about how many young brothers will show up in the rain. A few early ones get second helpings—so much food, so many hands eager to give. By 8 am, though, they're coming by the dozen, and the small dining hall of Ridge Point Church comes alive with young people. They are the hope of tomorrow, and this particular hope is being well-nurtured. Names and addresses are recorded at the door, then the kids are ushered inside and warmly greeted. It's a hot meal of eggs and bacon or ham, bread, honey, and chocolate—each place set neatly with a paper napkin, cup, and plastic dinnerware. Panthers are everywhere, men and women—cooking, serving, cleaning table, rapping, and loving.

As some kids wait for the meal, they get an impromptu lecture about where it's at for black people today—watch out for the pigs, dig the injustice of capitalist society, see the strength of the Panthers in combatting it...Pictures of brothers Bobby Hutton (murdered by pigs) and Eldridge Cleaver (forced to hide) are passed around and talked about. The kids are noisy with question and scramble for the picture-sheets. And they eat, and feel there is a place for them. The rap they get, by the way, isn't laid on very heavily, and there is no hate in it. What they hear is true, and they get to think about it over breakfast. Can't knock it.

Photographing the breakfast, I get no particular friendliness from anyone. Some curiosity and exuberance from the little brothers, a guarded acceptance from the big brothers. No one wants me there, for after all, I don't belong to that scene. It's a truce; they let me do my thing and I don't disturb theirs. But they're not up-tight and neither am I. In fact, I dig it because I see people being concerned for their own. Too much of politics is a game, but where politics is people, I'd call that 'right on'. Panthers get too much public notice for hate and violence. But dig...Panthers also mean love, and seek change through good works too. The kids at the breakfasts know it, and so should you.

ed buryn
12 April 1969

Here's something to do in your spare time. Make an appointment with the manager of your nearest Safeway store. Tell him about the free breakfast program. Show him the pictures on this page. He'll agree there's nothing wrong with kids getting free breakfast.

The man is going to contribute eggs, bacon, fruit and so on. Why should he contribute? Because it's right. The only thing to negotiate is how much each week.

It is time to Take Care of Business, and the first item of business for anyone is to see that the kids eat breakfast. All the kids. Every day.

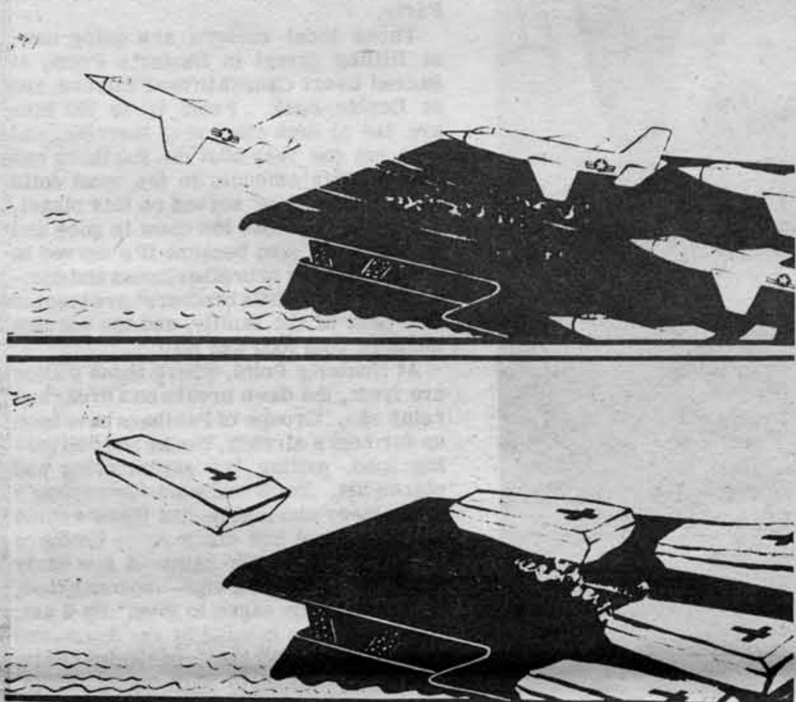
BRASS FORCE BLACK G.I. TO VIETNAM

Isaac Barr, a black GI and a member of the American Servicemen's Union, was forced by six armed guards to board a plane to Vietnam on March 17.

Barr, who was drafted into the Army two days before his 26th birthday (men are not drafted after age 26) got orders at Fort Mc Clellan, Alabama to report to Fort Lewis, Washington on March 11 for shipment to Vietnam. He reported to Fort Lewis and filed for C.O. (Conscientious Objector) status; when the C.O. application was turned down, Barr had full intentions of refusing shipment to Vietnam. A week later, he was put on a plane to Vietnam. When Barr reached Honolulu, he called his sister to tell her what happened; his sister then contacted the ASU office.

American Servicemen's Union spokesman Bob LeMay stated, "We have reports from both Isaac's sister and from Union members at Fort Lewis that Isaac was physically forced on the plane. We consider this a kidnapping by the U.S. Army Brass. There are guards -- servicemen at Fort Lewis -- who are willing to testify that they were ordered to force Isaac and other GIs to board the plane for Vietnam."

Barr is now with the 90th Replacement Company in Bien Hoa, Vietnam, APO. San Francisco 96384.



SEVENTY EIGHT PIGS TO CAPTURE PANTHERS

In the best tradition of police agents provocateur and police entrapment, the Chicago pigs together with federal agents seized three Chicago Panthers and an innocent bystander on charges of conspiring to obtain automatic weapons in violation of fedejal law. Police undercover agents had sought out the Panthers and solicited them to buy several submachine guns. The two Panthers who went down to check it out, Merrill Harbey and Michael White, suddenly found themselves standing in the middle of the 3300 block of South Stewart illuminated by floodlights from each end of the block and surrounded by 78 police officers, all directed by Capt. Thomas J. Lyons, director of the Intelligence Division, who was flying above the scene in a helicopter.)

At approximately the same time, police officers scooped up Panther Field Secretary Nathaniel Junior several miles away at the IC Railroad station and charged him with guarding money in a rented locker that was supposed to be the purchase money for the guns. Arrested along with Junior was one William McClinton, jr., who had made the mistake of standing near Junior and of being black. McClinton suddenly found that he was under arrest and that he had just been made a that he had just been made a Panther by the commercial media.

Hustled before U.S. commissioner James T. Balog, Harvey was charged with possession of automatic weapons and all three with conspiracy to obtain them. Ransom for Harvey and Junior was set at $65,000 a piece and ransom on White was set at $75,000. Ransom on McClinton was initially set at $10,000 but he was latter released on his own recognizance.

Only a few weeks ago a jury found Hampton innocent of charges that he had stormed a meeting of the Maywood Village Council. Reacting to the ice cream charge, Hampton said, "I may be a pretty big mother, but I can't eat no 400 ice cream bars." The cops charged that Hampton attacked the driver of the ice cream truck while children took the ice cream. Hampton faces 1 - 20 years in prison if the conviction is upheld.

The pigs and the commercial press immediately seized upon Rush's presence in Robbins to portray the shooting incident in Robbins as a gang war between the Panthers and the Black P Stone Nation. Stories to this effect filled the papers for two days, in an obvious attempt to foment trouble between groups in the black community and direct attention away from actions of the police and power structure.

Rush was charged with unlawful use of a weapon and released on $10,000 bond. Robbins police charged that he was wearing a loaded .45 automatic



Feed the pregnant woman- and feed her unborn child

Not long ago I gave a talk about pregnancy nutrition and other problems of women to a group of Project Headstart mothers in west Oakland, California. I described the basic principles of scientific nutrition and the role of malnutrition in causing so many complications of human pregnancy. We had a discussion afterwards as a group of mothers gathered around to talk about some of their personal experiences and problems.

One young woman said to me: "Dr. Brewer, I think you're right about nutrition. I've had three premature babies and as I think back on it my diet was terrible from your point of view during all three pregnancies."

"Did you get any prenatal care?" I asked.

"Yes, at Highland Hospital prenatal clinic." (Highland is the city-county hospital serving the "medically indigent" of Oakland and Almeda County.)

"What did they tell you about your diet during pregnancy?" I asked.

"They told me not to eat salt and not to gain too much weight."

"Was that all they did?"

"They gave me some water pills when my feet began to swell up to get rid of the salt in my body. I was holding salt and water."

Any medical worker familiar with our public prenatal clinics serving the poor will recognize immediately this standard procedure which U.S. obstetrics has evolved for dealing with the so-called "low-income, high risk prenatal patients": low salt, low calorie diets, diuretics, rigid "weight control," appetite depressants like Dexedrine etc. without one positive word from the physician about scientific nutrition for the pregnant woman and her fetus.

A Burning Question

In the last few years U.S. obstetrics has finally recognized that women in poverty suffer more of certain common complications of pregnancy than the more comfortable middle and upper class women. These nutritional complications of the poor include metabolic toxemia of late pregnancy, abruptions of the placenta (with or without an associated toxemia), severe anemias, severe infections of kidneys, liver and lungs, and a much higher number of "premature" or low birth weight infants (those weighing less than 5½ pounds at birth).

U.S. obstetrics has not linked these complications with malnutrition and so no aggressive efforts have been made to educate the people in the basic principles of scientific nutrition.

The nutritional complications of pregnancy account for the U.S. lagging so far behind many less affluent nations in maternal and infant health as reflected in national statistics for infant mortality. Yet for U.S. public health officials concerned with the people's health problems, this poor reproductive performance of our lower classes remains a burning question.

Why has there been no significant improvement in maternal and infant health in the U.S. for the past 15 years.?

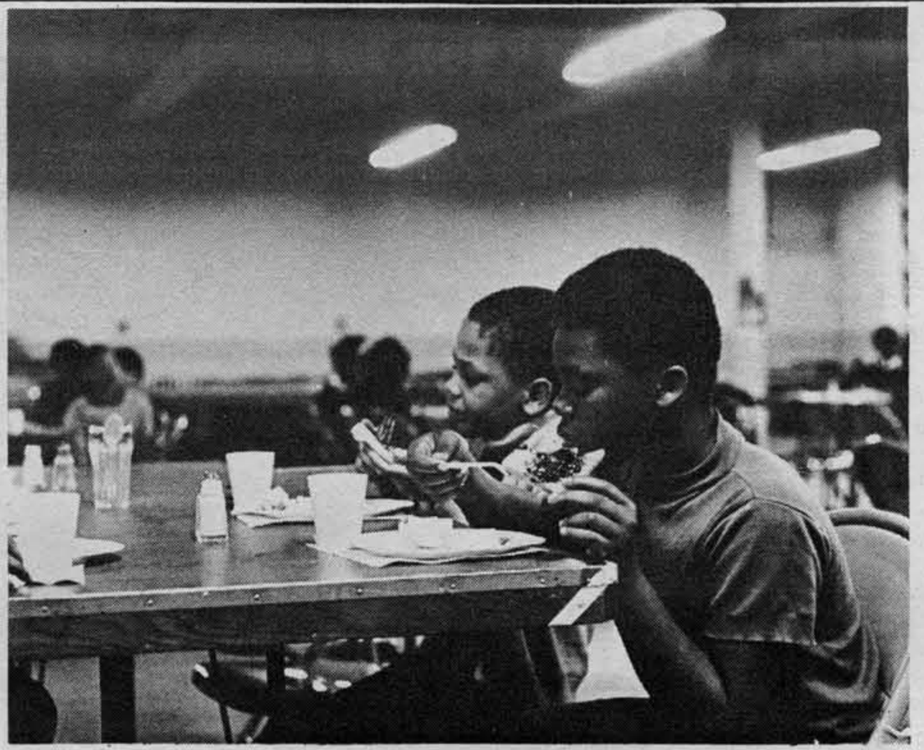
To answer this burning question hundreds of "studies" have been set up in the last 10 years. One of the most extensive of these was started several years ago by the Perinatal Research Branch of the National Institutes of Health which has now collected data on some 60,000 pregnancies from 14 major medical centers in the U.S.

At considerable expense and human work a vast amount of information has been collected and is now being analyzed by computers in an effort to find out why the poor have such high infant mortality. When I visited the National Institutes of Health last June (1968) on invitation of Dr. Nicholson Eastman to present some of the data from my Richmond Health Center Nutrition Project, I learned that they have failed to collect one fact on the nutritional status of a single one of these 60,000 pregnancies.

The result of this study is predictable: they will call for "more studies of this complex question."



Hunger knows no color



The Party does not just talk - it acts!





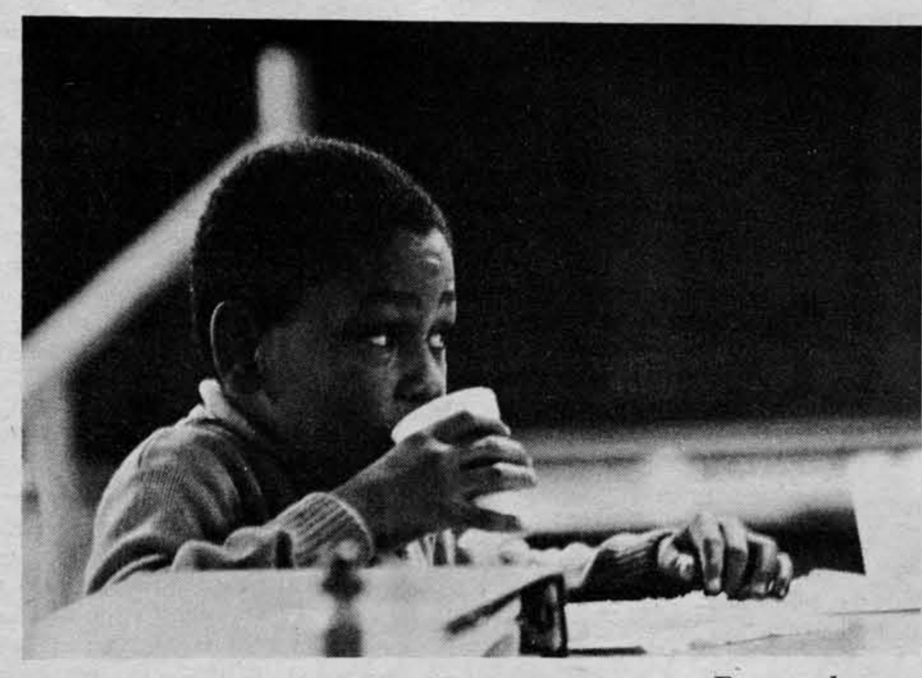
Feed the Youth and the Youth will feed the Revolution



Their Day begins at 6:00 A.M.



Just glad there's a Black Panther Party





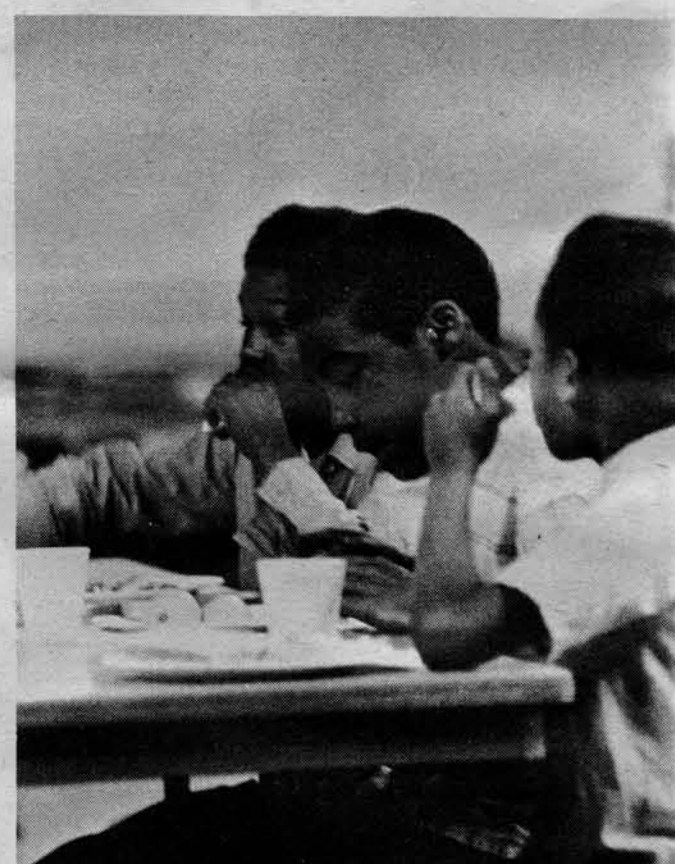
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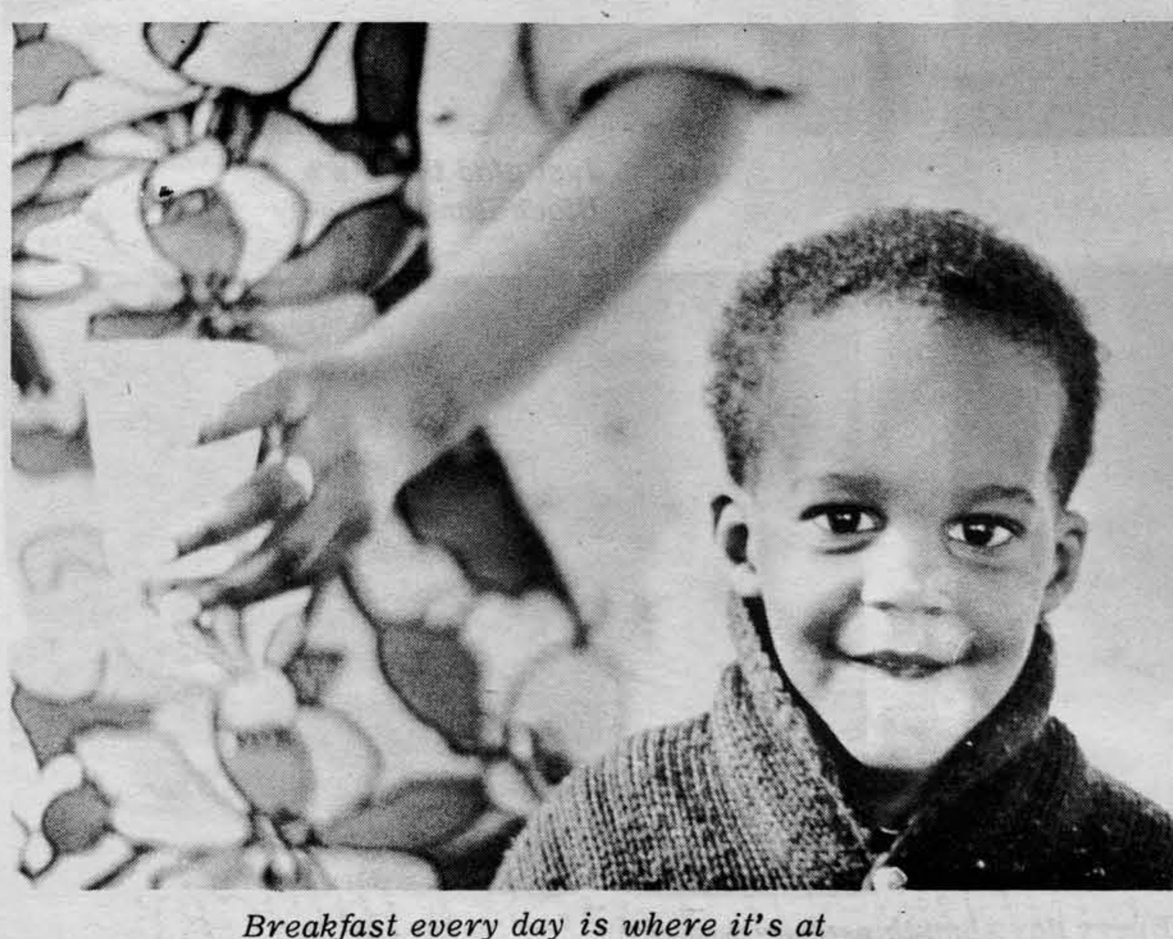
The Black Panther Party understands children need nutrients everyday



After a hot breakfast they will learn if anything is taught



This is the first of many Free Programs



Breakfast every day is where it's at



Happiness is serving the People



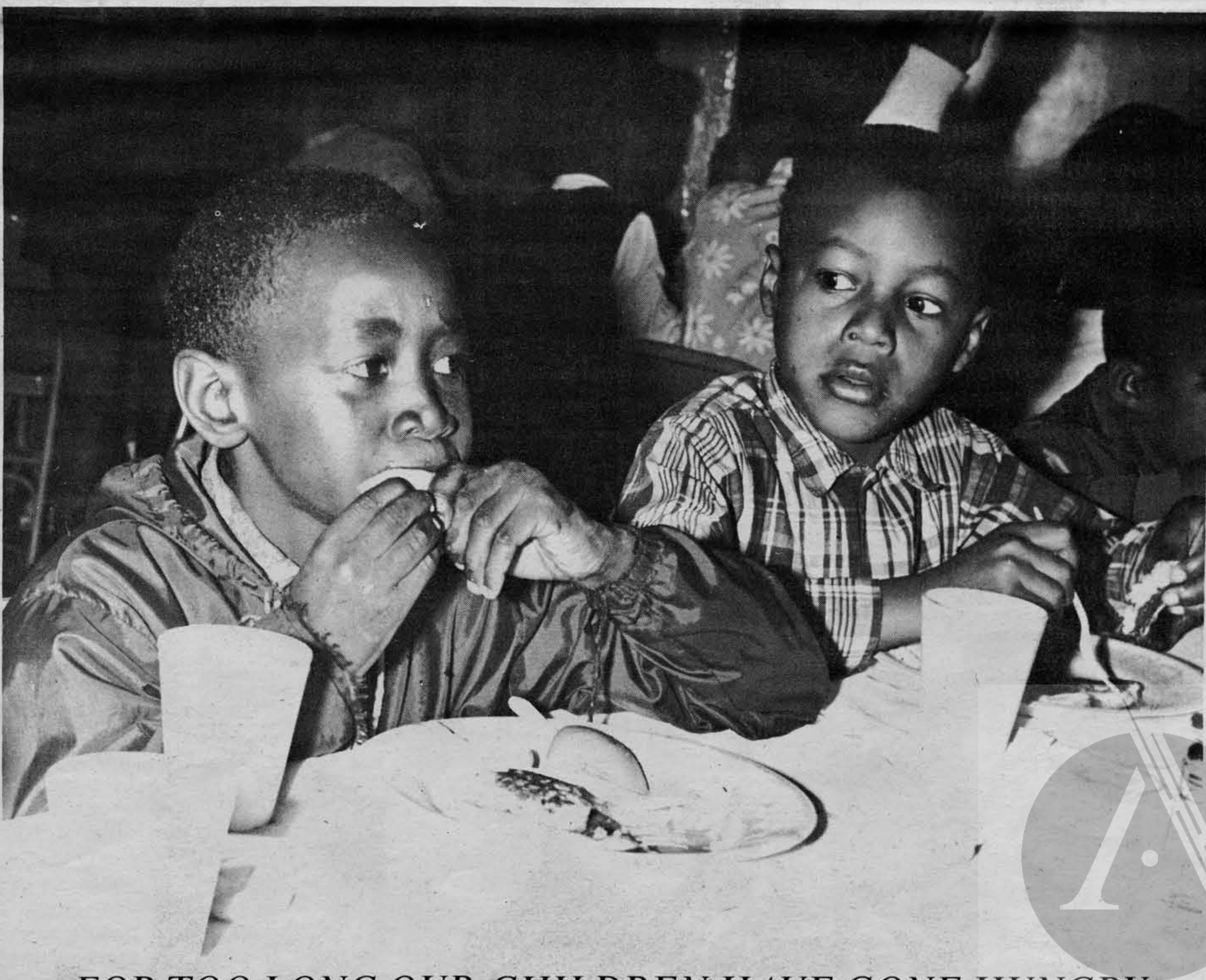


Panther Captain Randolph chats with children while they eat

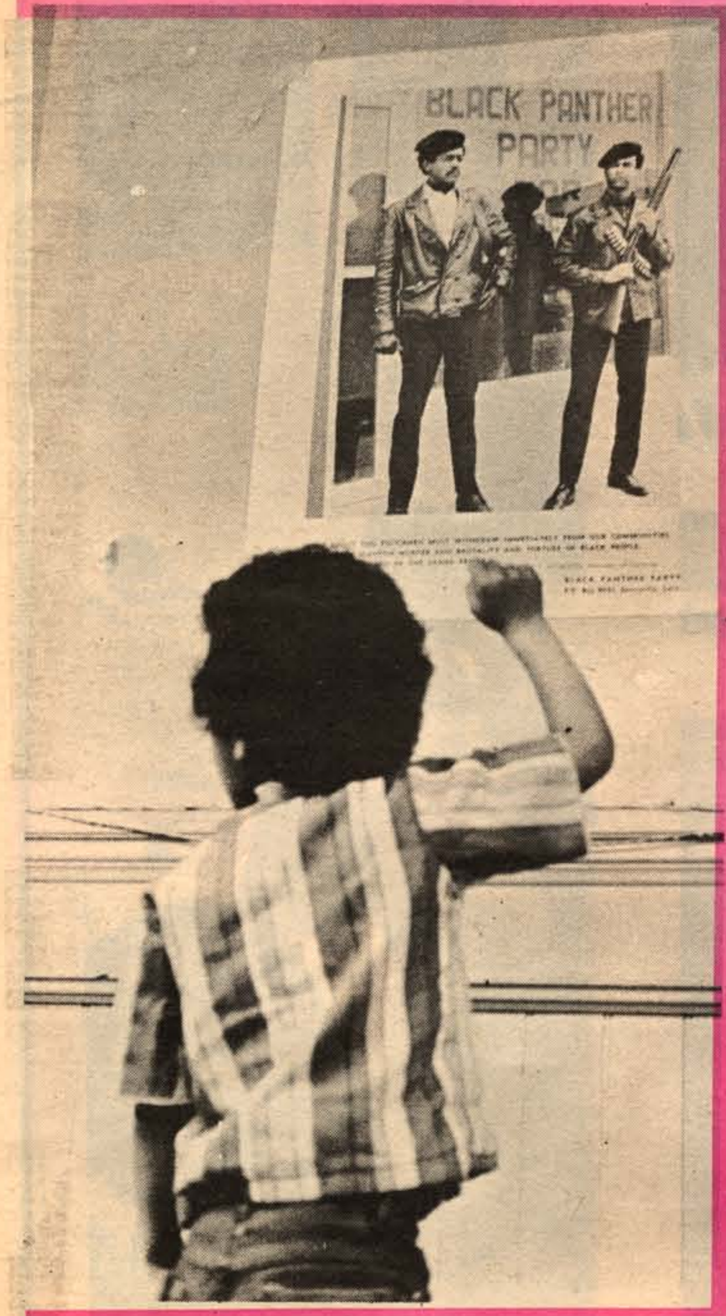




All Panthers , whatever their rank, are servants of the People and whatever we do is to serve the People



FOR TOO LONG OUR CHILDREN HAVE GONE HUNGRY





With Free Breakfast for Children little brother won't be little long



Power to Huey P. Newton

and Bobby Seale and the Panthers



Lil' brother checking in for breakfast



Grits, eggs and bacon is what's happening



The Panthers always give seconds



Toast and jam is good, it has protein too

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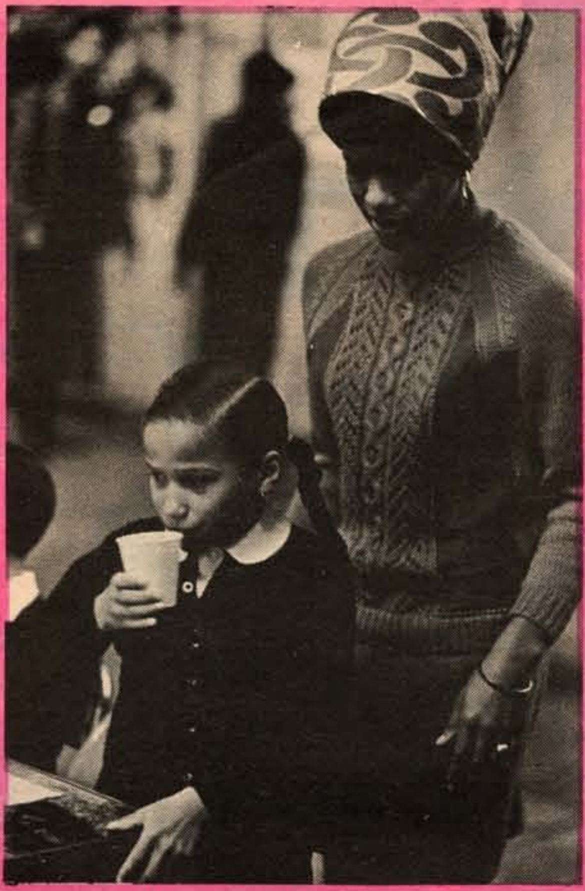
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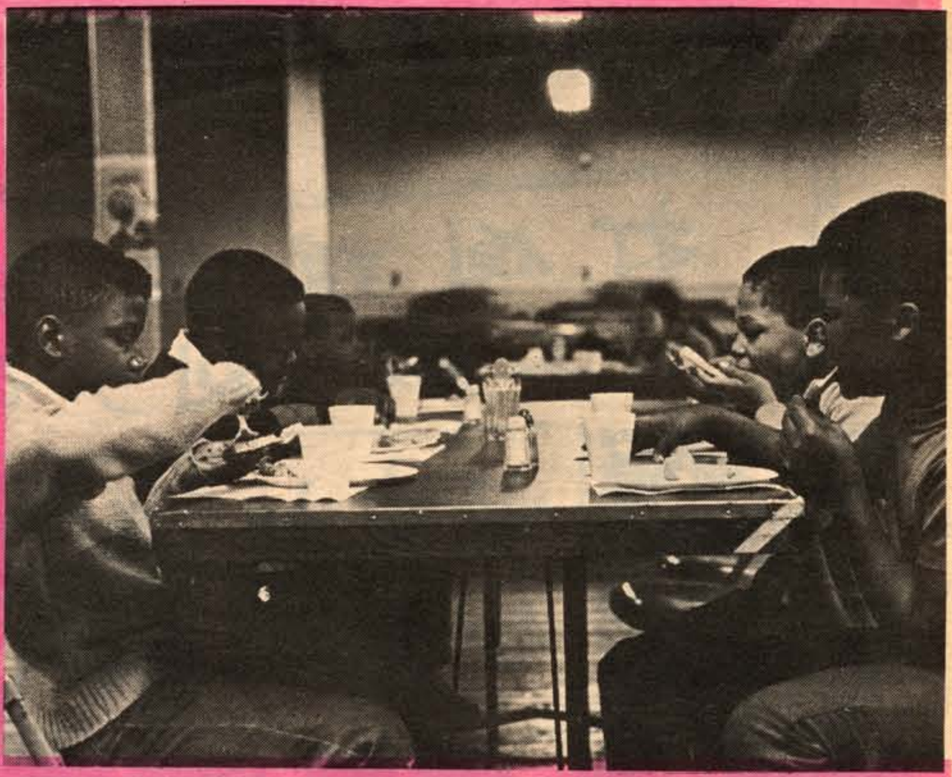
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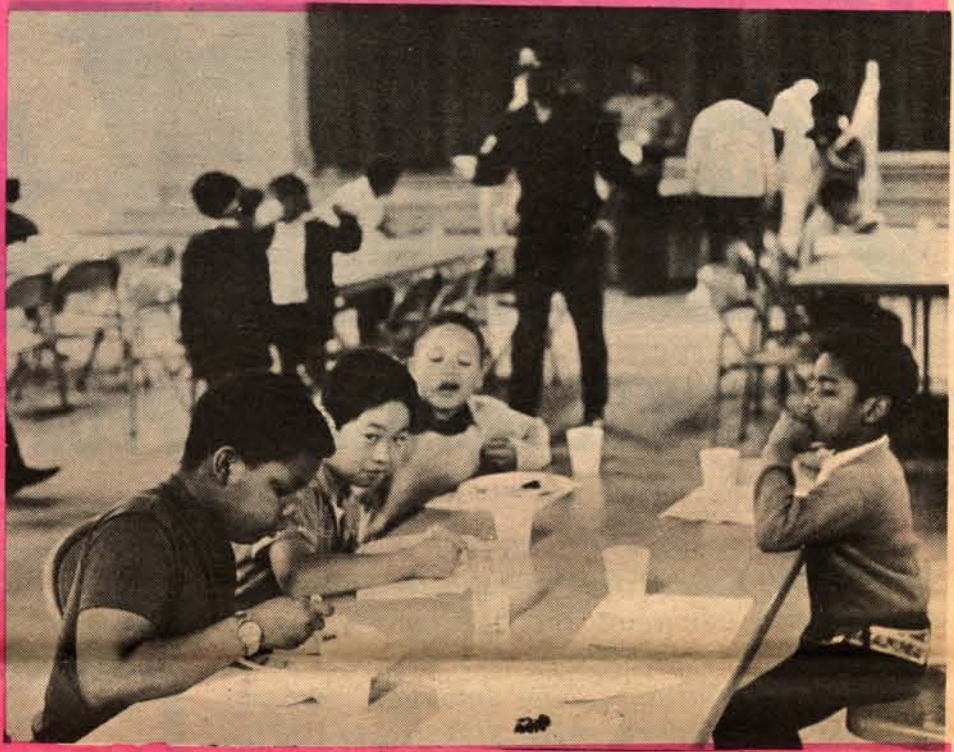
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Preparing properly for school



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Free breakfast is for all children



Whatever we do is to serve the People



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All set to learn



Without Huey where would we be?



CHINESE WORKERS SUPPORT AFRO-AMERICAN STRUGGLE

We Chinese workers are also happy to see that during the Afro-American struggle in the past nearly one year, the fighting role of the Afro-American workers has become more and more prominent. The emergency of this situation has far-reaching significance to the Afro-American struggle and to the development of bringing about a merging between the Afro-American struggle and the American Workers' Movement.

Chairman Mao teaches us that "The working class is the leading class" and is most far-sighted, most selfless and most thoroughly revolutionary". The broad masses of the Black workers in the United States are subjected to both national and class oppression: They are down-trodden in that capitalist society, suffering the most from oppression and exploitation. Therefore, they most bitterly hate the U.S. monopoly capitalist class and are most resolute in struggle. Now, the Black American workers have become awakened daily and are fighting at the forefront of the Black people's movement for emancipation. We are happy from the bottom of our hearts over this. The fact that the Afro-American workers have played an active, militant role in the struggle against violent repression will inevitably promote the close integration of the Afro-American struggle with the American Workers' movement.

The Black and White workers and other labouring people in the U.S. share a common fate and have the same class feelings. They are all suffering from the cruel exploitation and oppression by the U.S monopoly capitalist class. Their interests are fundamentally identical and their contradiction with the U.S. ruling circles is an antagonistic class contradiction. Thus, they have the common objectives in struggle. This is why in the past year, the Black workers in many factories in the U.S. enjoyed the support of the White workers and broke through the control of the scab union chieftains. They led in strikes and

dealt a heavy blow to the reactionary rule of the U.S monopoly capitalist class. Chairman Mao has pointed out: "The contradiction between the Black masses in the U.S. and U.S. ruling circles is a class contradiction." Only by overthrowing the reactionary rule of the U.S. monopoly capitalist class and destroying the colonialist and imperialist system can the Black people in the U.S. win complete emancipation."

The fact that the Black workers have stepped onto the political stage of the U.S. will have great signifiance to the struggle being unfolded by the advanced Afro-Americans in the country to repudiate "Black capitalism", cultural nationalism", "white racism" and other fallacies spread by the new chieftain of the U.S. monopoly capitalist class. Richard Nixon and his like. Chairman Mao has pointed out: "in the final analysis, national struggle is a matter of class struggle." In concocting these counter-revolutionary theories, the reactionary U.S. ruling circles are trying to foster and develop a Black capitalist force, which adheres to the U S monopoly capitalist class, to sabotage the Afro-American struggle. They are trying to prevent the Afro-Americans from waging violent revolution together with the U S. working class and mislead the Afro-American struggle and the revolution of the U.S. proletariat in overthrowing the reactionary rule of the monopoly capitalist class. Only by applying the invincible--

applying the invincible--Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tse-tung thought--can the working class repudiate and thoroughly destroy the bourgeois fallacies spread by Nixon and his like. We are convinced that the U.S. working class is sure to thoroughly repudiate these fallacies and will carry this important struggle on the ideological front through to the end.

Fight on, heroic Afro-American brothers ! All the oppressed nations and peoples the world over firmly stand on your side. The Chinese working class armed with AMao Tse-tung thought and tempered in the great proletarian cultural revolution pledge to be the powerful backing of the Afro-American brothers. We are firmly convinced that the Afro-American struggle against violetn repression is bound to merge closely with the workers' movement and that the American people is bound to become more and more united around the working class and, holding high the great banner of proletarian violent revolution, launch a vigorous and sustained offensive against the reactionary U.S. ruling circles and seize final victory in their struggle

Nab 4 Black Panthers in gun-sale trap


NATHANIEL JUNIOR


WILLIAM McCLINTON JR.


MERRILL HARVEY


MICHAEL WHITE

By James Casey

Chicago police and federal agents set up one of the most elaborate traps in years Friday night to arrest four members of the Black Panther Party. They were accused of trying to buy machineguns.

Seventy-eight officers took part, using shotguns, searchlights, tractor-trailer trucks and a helicopter. No shots were fired.

A few officers quietly arrested two of the men in the Roosevelt Rd. station of the Illinois Central R.R. But, police said, most of the officers and all the equipment were used to arrest the other two, Merrill Harvey, 23, of 7418 W. 64th, and Michael White, 22, of 7500 W. 64th, both of Argo, after they picked up the machineguns from a federal agent posing as an illicit gun dealer.

This was in the 3300 block of S. Stewart, an industrial area with factories on one side of the street and a coal yard on he other.

Once the machine guns were in the possession of the Panthers, police said, the trap was sprung and the lights went on.

Police had parked the trailer turcks equipped with floodlights, at each end of the block, ready to flood the area from both ends.

In addition, they had cruisers with lights and men with searchlights and shotguns planted on buildings on either side of the street.

A police helicopter, also equipped with searchlights hovered overhead.

Directing the police on the ground was Lt. Edmund Dobbs. Capt. Thomas J. Lyons, director of the Intelligence Division, was in the helicopter.

Lt. Dobbs told The Sun-Times that White and Harvey surrendered without resisting.

In the meantime, other police units arrested the two other Black Panthers in the Illinois Central station. Officers said they had put the money to buy the weapons in a locker there and were guarding it until the weapons had been delivered.

Police identified them as Nathaniel Junior, 22, of 7501 W. 64th, Argo, and William McClinton, Jr., 22, of 1422 S. 18th, Maywood.

The plan to arrest the Panthers was set up earlier in the week when federal agents under U.S. Atty. Thomas A. Foran got a tip the Panthers were negotiating to buy machineguns, police said.

A deal was made to sell them four machineguns for $500, police said.

The Panthers were to place the $500 in the locker at the Roosevelt Rd. station and leave it there after the guns were turned over to them on S. Stewart.

Police said that when the arrests were made only one of the Panthers was armed. Merrill Harvey, they said, was carrying a .38-caliber revolver in a shoulder holster.

All four men will appear before the U.S. commissioner Saturday morning, police said, on charges of conspiracy to buy and illegal possession of automatic weapons.

Participating in the arrest, according to Capt. Lyons, were 10 federal agents and men from the criminal intelligence unit, the gang intelligence unit, the subversive unit and the organized crime unit.

STATEMENT BY THE NEW YORK HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT UNION

The Black Panther Party is being framed up. The Panthers have been beaten, busted, murdered, and exiled all over the country. The rulers of New York City cannot afford to let the Panthers exist. Too many people believe in and have worked with them in their communities. Because the Black Panther Party is working for the people, not the rulers of the city they are being framed. There is a plot by the rulers to put the Panthers in jail to isolate them from the communities and the people. This plot is executed by the press and police. Without the lies and mass deception of the mass media the Fat Cats could never have pulled it off. Without the cops they could never keep the Panthers isolated. We must not let our brothers be taken.

The people of New York City are tired of the high taxed, lousy schools, deadly health services, dilapidated housing, shitty jobs and inhuman welfare that the men who control this city force on us. The Panthers are working with the people to keep the hospitals open, to get better education for all students. They are fighting the CUNY budget cuts and to get free breakfasts for school children. They are working for community control of the schools and against drug addiction, they are working with white high school students. The Panthers are fighting FOR the people -- they would hardly blow up department stores where black and white working people and their families shop and work.

"We want land, bread, housing, education, clothing, justice and peace." (The Panther Program)

Just as the city wants high school students to believe that the High School Student Union, High School Coalition and the Black Student Union are the cause of the trouble in the schools, they want the working people to believe that the Panthers are the cause of the trouble in the city. And they want the Panthers in jail. Just like they have to put cops in the schools and suspend kids who are demanding a decent education, they have to use force against the people who are working for all of us. Because the bankers, big real estate owners and big corporations who control the Board of Education and the rest of the city don't care about us, their only interest is to keep things "running smoothly."

As high school students we know what it means to be treated like shit. Lonnie Ebb was organizing a Black Student Union chapter at Long Island City High School to try and change that. Now he's in jail. As high school students we have to support him. The High School Student Union will demonstrate to free the 21 Black Panthers at Long Island City High School on Thursday, April 10, starting at seven A.M. and at the criminal court house on Friday, April 11 at 9:00 A.M.

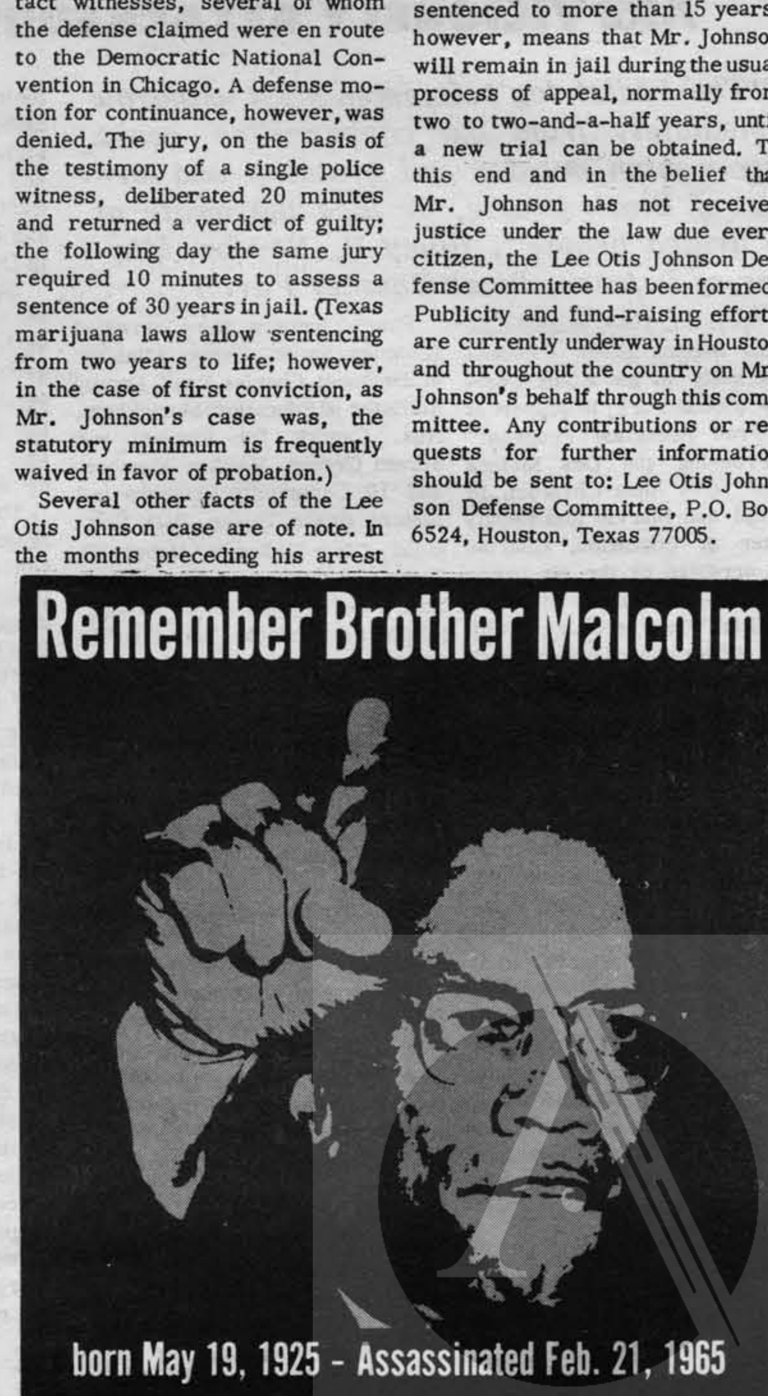
APPEAL FILED FOR TEXAS POLITICAL PRISONER

On Thursday, March 27, 1969, an appeal brief was filed with the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, Austin, Texas, in the case of Lee Otis Johnson. The brief as filed is based on court rulings and procedures that occurred in the August 26, 1968 trial of Mr. Johnson for allegedly possessing and selling one marijuana cigarette to an undercover agent of the Houston police department on March 8, 1968. At the trial, Mr. Johnson was found guilty of selling marijuana (under Texas law the act of which he is accused, giving a marijuana cigarette to another person, is termed selling), and he was sentenced to 30 years in the state pentitentiary, the only witness to the alleged "sale" being the undercover agent. No other corroborating evidence was introduced.

The irregularities of the trial on which the appeal is based are several. Lee Otis Johnson's activities in Houston on behalf of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) at Texas Southern University and his involvement in protest demonstrations had been widely publicized in the Houston press; yet, when over one-third of the jury panel acknowledged familiarity with Mr. Johnson's background of miltant activities, the court overruled a defense request for questioning of individual jurors to determine their bias in the case. Secondly, although Mr. Johnson's name had appeared in local newspapers more than 100 times in the preceding 18 months, a defense motion for change of venue to obtain a fairer trial was refused. Third, the trial originally set for September 9, 1968, was reset for August 26, and the defendent, being notified of the change on August 24, had only two weekend days in which to contact witnesses, several of whom the defense claimed were en route to the Democratic National Convention in Chicago. A defense motion for continuance, however, was denied. The jury, on the basis of the testimony of a single police witness, deliberated 20 minutes and returned a verdict of guilty; the following day the same jury required 10 minutes to assess a sentence of 30 years in jail. (Texas marijuana laws allow sentencing from two years to life; however, in the case of first conviction, as Mr. Johnson's case was, the statutory minimum is frequently waived in favor of probation.)

Several other facts of the Lee Otis Johnson case are of note. In the months preceding his arrest Mr. Johnson his arrest Mr. Johnson was subjected to regular police harassment and was charged five times for various alleged offenses. Due to lack of evidence, none of these charges were prosecuted. After the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Mr. Johnson spoke at a memorial meeting on April 14, 1968. Some of his remarks had sharply criticized Houston's Mayor Louie Welch and the Chief of Police, Herman Short; previously Mr. Johnson had openly critized police treatment of black citizens in Houston. The indictment for possession and "sale" of marijuana was brought against Mr. Johnson on April 16. On April 17 he was arrested, six weeks after the alleged crime.

At the August 26 trial of Lee Otis Johnson, the defense registered appropriate exceptions to the various court rulings outlined above, and notice of appeal was filed. A Texas statue prohibiting bail pending appeal to anyone sentenced to more than 15 years, however, means that Mr. Johnson will remain in jail during the usual process of appeal, normally from two to two-and-a-half years, until a new trial can be obtained. To this end and in the belief that Mr. Johnson has not received justice under the law due every citizen, the Lee Otis Johnson Defense Committee has been formed. Publicity and fund-raising efforts are currently underway in Houston and throughout the country on Mr. Johnson's behalf through this committee. Any contributions or requests for further information should be sent to: Lee Otis Johnson Defense Committee, P.O. Box 6524, Houston, Texas 77005.



STATEMENT BY THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY

Twenty one New York Black Panther Party members busted by pig power structure. Statement from the Black Panther Party Central Committee at National Headquarters, Oakland, California, delivered by the Deputy Chairman, David Brothers of the New York State Black Panther Party Central Staff.



Historically, all REACTIONARY forces (the pig power structure and their "cultural" Black capitalist lackeys) on the verge of EXTINCTION invariably conduct a last desperate struggle against the revolutionary forces (all workers, the unemployed, Mexicans, Indians, Puerto Ricans, poor whites, et. al., but especially poor black and oppressed peoples and their vanguard, the Black Panther Party. And some revolutionaries are apt to be deluded for a time by this phenomenon of outward strength but inner weakness, failing to grasp the essential fact that the enemy is nearing extinction while they themselves (the revolutionary peoples) are nearing victory. (Mao's little Red Book, page 83)

TWO MILLION ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS BAIL AND THE CHARGES AGAINST THE 21 BLACK PANTHER PARTY MEMBERS IS ABSURD AND OUTRAGEEOUS. Concerning the charges, every Black Panther Party chapter and leadership knows that we would not waste dynamite on the blowing up of some jive railway stations and department stores simply because some of our own poor people would be killed and we know this is completely wrong when it comes to organizing the people against the demogogue politicians, the avaricious businessmen, and the racist pig police forces. They are the enemies of the people of America, be they white, brown, black, yellow or red.

We will not try to fight fire with fire because all of the people know that FIRE is best put out with WATER. Therefore, the Black Panther Party will not fight racism with racism. But we will fight racism with solidarity. We will not fight capitalism with capitalism (Black capitalism), but with the implementaton of socialism and socialist programs for the people. We will not fight U.S. government imperialism with more imperialism because the peoples of the world and other races, especially in America, must fight imperialism with proletarian internationalism. All peoples and revolutionaries must defend themselves with organized guns and force when attacked by the PIG POWER STRUCTURE.

"The socialist system will eventually replace the capitalist-racist system; this is an objective law independent of man's will. However much the reactionaries try to hold back the wheel of history, sooner or later revolution will take place and will inevitably triumph." (Mao's little Red Book, page 24)

The Black Panther Party is informing and calling on all the peoples of the communities across the country to SCORN and DENOUNCE the actions of this capitalist-racist government's attempts to try and destroy the Black Panther Party which has chapters and branches across the nation. SCORN, DENOUNCE, and DESTROY the lies by capitalists and racists, from the Nixons, the Rockefellers, and all their pig lackeys, to the bootlicking cultural nationalists and black capitalists. They are the real conspirators where we see their obvious attempts to destroy the Black Panther Party's revolutionary leadership. They, of course, try to do this by murders, jailings, unfair court trials, the forcing of Eldridge Cleaver into exile, and the temporary imprisonment of the Minister of Defense, Huey P. Newton in California. FREE HUEY. THE REVOLUTION IS HERE. We the people of the world must FREE HUEY AND ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS because if it wasn't for Huey P. Newton, free BREAKFAST FOR CHILDREN programs before school would not be spreading across the nation. If it wasn't for Huey P. Newton, the idea of having free medicine and FREE HEALTH CLINICS wouldn't be in the process of being implemented. If it wasn't for Huey P. Newton, the teaching that "it's not a race struggle, but a class struggle" would not begin to be understood. IF IT WASN'T FOR HUEY P. NEWTON, THE TEN POINT PLATFORM AND PROGRAM OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY WOULD NOT BE IN THE PROCESS OF BEING IMPLEMENTED, PRACTICAL SOCIALIST PROGRAMS FROM THE BLACK NATION IS WHERE IT'S AT, WHEN EVEN OTHER ETHNIC GROUPS COPY IT, AND THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD KNOW THIS IS THEIRS AND THAT IT'S RIGHT.

THE NEW YORK BLACK PANTHER PARTY 21 MUST BE SET FREE AS HUEY P. NEWTON MUST BE SET FREE. THEY, AND ALL OTHER POLITICAL PRISONERS, MUST RECEIVE THE PEOPLE'S SUPPORT AS A NATIONAL RESISTANCE AGAINST THE PIG POWER STRUCTURE WHICH IS IMPERIALISTIC, CAPITALISTIC, AND RACIST.

A NATION-WIDE CAMPAIGN IS NOW IN THE PROCESS OF BEING WAGED TO PUT TOGETHER A "FREE POLITICAL PRISONERS FOR THE PEOPLES' REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE." THE NEW YORK BLACK PANTHER PARTY 21 MUST BE SET FREE. BAIL MONEY IS NEEDED FOR THE 21, HUEY P. NEWTON, ELDRIDGE CLEAVER, AND "THE CONSPIRACY 8" of CHICAGO, WITH BOBBY SEALE, BLACK PANTHER PARTY CHAIRMAN. DONATIONS MAY BE SENT TO:

LEGAL DEFENSE FUND
BLACK PANTHER PARTY
BOX 1224
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11202

POWER TO ALL THE PEOPLE
PANTHER POWER TO THE VANGUARD

RACIST DOGS. . .SHOW THEIR PIGGISH NATURE: DES MOINES PANTHERS & COMMUNITY PEOPLE ARE VICIOUSLY ATTACKED!!!!

"The racist dog policemen must withdraw immediately from our communities, cease their wanton murder and brutality and torture of Black people, or face the wrath of the armed people". (Huey P. Newton, Minister of Defense, Black Panther Party)

On April 13, 1969, at 3:00 p.m. the Des Moines Black Panthers held a rally in the Black Community (Goode Park) in support of the "Free Breakfast Program" and Free-ing the Des Moines "Three" (Joe Anna Cheatom, 16 year old son Marvin and Deputy Minister of Education, Charles Knox) arrested by the pig power structure on 2 charges of Arson (in addition Knox is charged with illegal possession of prescription drugs - he has been indicted by the grand jury).

The rally lasted about "one hour" -- when the rally was over and the Panthers began to take down the sound equipment; 12 pigs walked up to the Deputy Minister of Education (Charles Knox) and stated that "you can't use those speakers without a permit. The Deputy Minister of Defense stated "we are finished and are leaving". The pig "oinked" "then you are under arrest" -- "Under arrest for inciting a riot". The Deputy Minister replied: "What riot" -- Upon that statement the HEAD PIG Sgt. Harlan told his pigs to attack and subdue Knox -- he's the leader of this thing. 12 pigs "out of nowhere" then viciously and violently attacked Knox.

The masses responded by demanding Knox's release but to no avail -- reinforcements (pigs) came and forced the masses back with mace, clubs, etc.

Four Panthers were arrested (Charles Smith, Deputy Minister of Defense; Charles Knox, Deputy Minister of Education; Mary Rhem, Hqs. Captain for Sisters; and Steven Greene, Panther Member) and 10 Community Brothers and Sisters (Irwin Taylor, Billy Simmons, Clive DePatten, Hobert De Patten, Mrs. DePatten, Kenny Collins, Fred Hughes, Fred Franks, Richard Malock, and Charles James).

Most of these brothers and sisters were arrested away from the Park. Open confrontation took place between the Brothers, Sisters and the pigs "in the streets" with guns and bricks -- One sister, Mrs. Cooper was shot in the back. The pig force was almost doubled - over 300 pigs and some national guardsmen sealed off "The Black Community" with the pig chief calling a semi-state of emergency. In addition, the pigs held shot guns (riot specials) on the Panther headquarters for hours -- continuing their harassment of the Panthers and Community people.

But as Brother Huey says: The spirit of the people is greater than the pigs technology. So be it -- the Panthers in Des Moines did in fact raise the consciousness of the people and gained support despite the pig power structure attempts to discredit our existence, through the piggish action of the cops and the Panthers showing their true revolutionary spirit and dedication to "the people". The vicious attack on "The People" and the "People's Vanguard Party" by the pig power structure has certainly been the turning point in Des Moines.

The pigs are now trying to patrol the Black Community and stop any activity -- however the people have stated that they will not allow such pig-tactics to exist any longer -- the time has come to "stand up and defend ourselves" as stated by several brothers and sisters.

The Panther Party in Des Moines, Iowa, will continue its Community programs and further intensify the struggle -- even to death -- as so accurately stated by Che Guevara:

"Wherever death may surprise us, it will be welcome, provided that this, our Battle Cry, reach some receptive ear, that another hand stretch out to take up weapons and that other men come forward to intone our funeral dirge with the staccato of machine guns and new cries of Battle and Victory".

All brothers and sisters have been released on bond and are to appear in court on April 29, 1969.

Although the pigs arrested brothers and sisters for inciting a riot they were all booked on two of the following: Disturbing the peace and quiet, unlawful assembly, intoxication, failure to dispurse, interferring with police officers, and loud and profane language.

Deputy Minister of Defense was charged with unlawful assembly and resisting an officer.

PIGS SPY ON BLACK ORGANIZATIONS

Chicago police, in anticipation of ghetto rebellions are infiltrating their undercover agents into all black groups which may be "riot-prone," the Daily Defender learned this week. The police cite the anniversary of Dr. King's assassination, the quick end of James Earl Ray's trial and rumors of conspiracy continuing, the acquittal of white policeman, Joseph Fine, in the murder of Eldridge Gaston, and encouragement from "extremists" as reasons why they expect "unrest." The police are unable to compile enough evidence for arrests at this time, and no names of organizations have been revealed.

The use of police spys in the black community is nothing new. Chicago cops have long functioned as spies and "agent provacateurs." Their daily activities in the ghetto are reason enough for rebellion. It remains to be said that the concept of genocide flows easily from an understanding that the police would just as well provoke trouble so thay can eliminate the black community rather than have to wait around for rebellions they might not be able to deal with. The murders of 6 black people on the west last April have never been investigated and the role of cop as provocaters won't either.

FREE THE N.Y. 21

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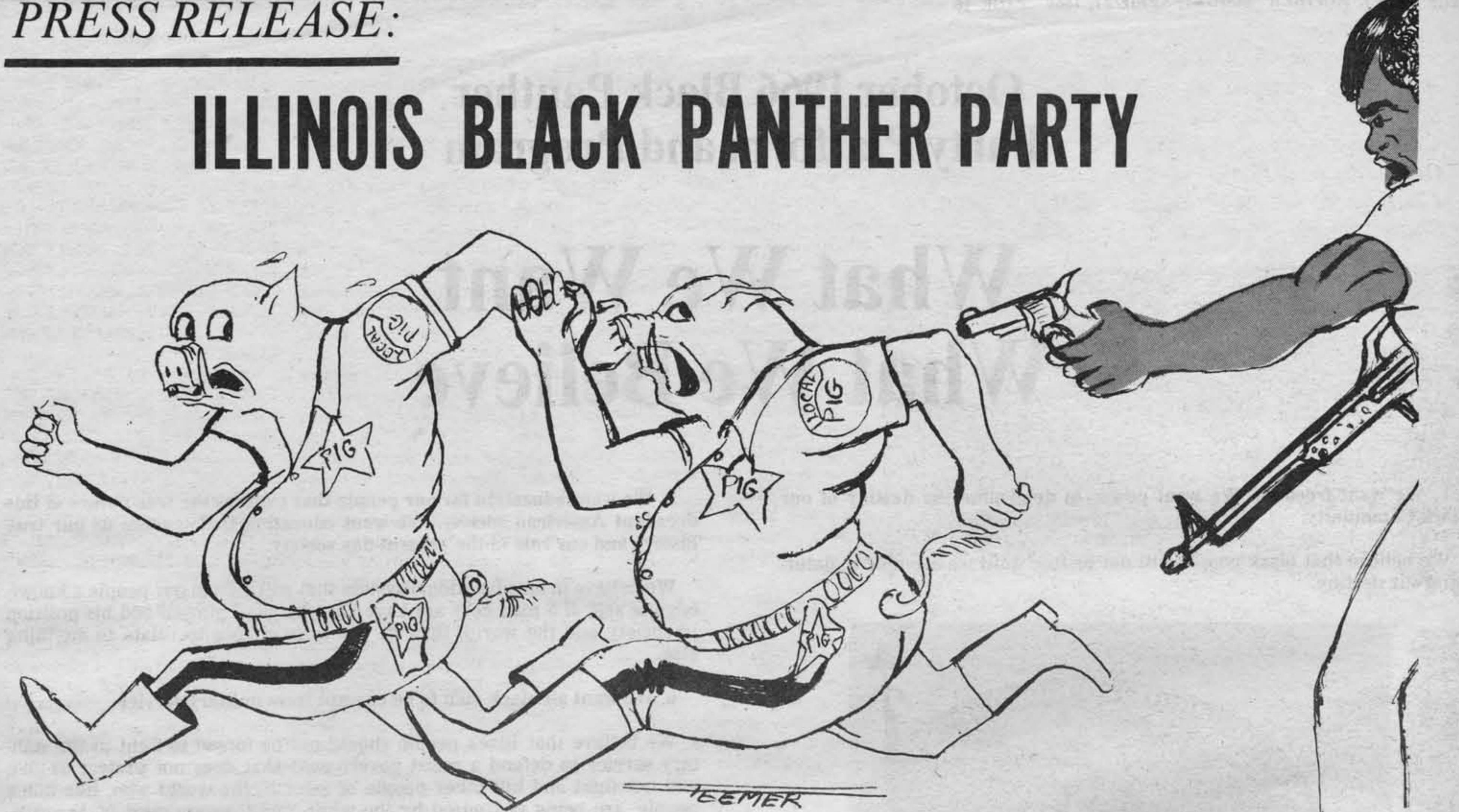
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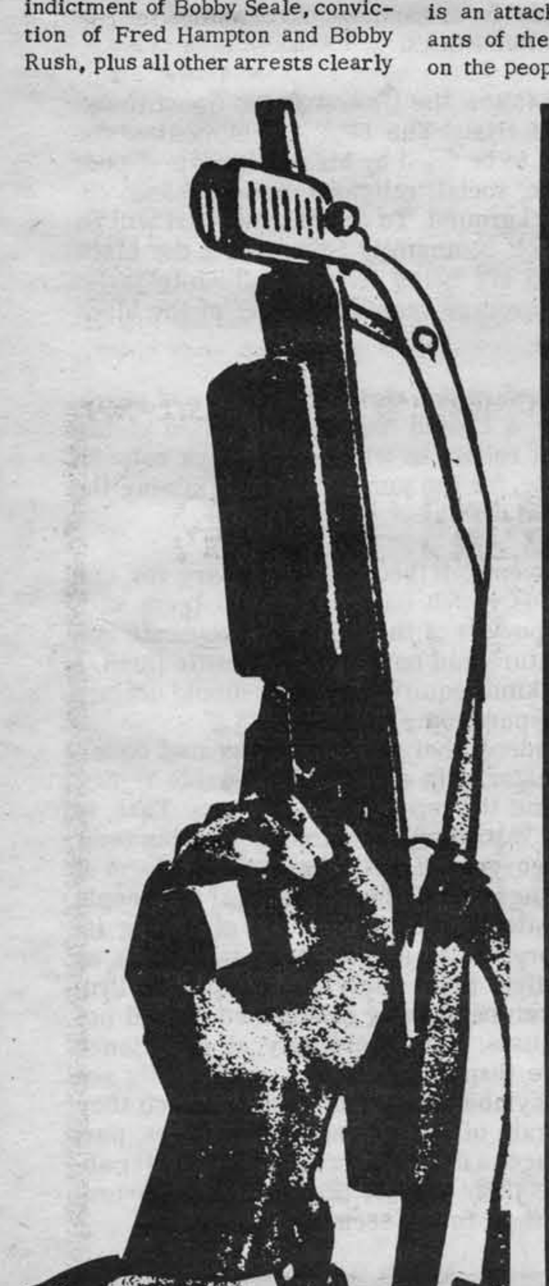


We, the Black Panther Party, understand that because of repression and the barbaric tactics of the pig power structure which are being leveled on the vanguard of the people's revolution; it clearly shows the line of demarcation between the enemies of the people and the servants of the people. The Black Panther Party's program is based on going forth to ensure that the needs and desires of the people are answered. We see our role as that of "oxen to be ridden by the people down the path to social revolution".

The jailing of Huey P. Newton, murder of Bobby Hutton, forcing of Eldridge Cleaver underground, indictment of Bobby Seale, conviction of Fred Hampton and Bobby Rush, plus all other arrests clearly shows that we're on the line of social revolution. The people understand that anytime that there is an attack launched on the servants of the people, it's an attack on the people. We, the Black Panther Party, know that there is a distinct and profound difference between the enemy and the people--that our case should be taken to the people. The people will not tolerate any oppressive system or oppressive force that attempts to jail the very people who feed their hungry children. The vanguard party of the people's revolution initiated a Free Breakfast for Children Program on April 1, 1969, with 83 children being fed. Within 7 days, we have fed 1100 children. This is a program based not on rhetoric but to show the people a concrete example of the aspirations and sincerity of the Black Panther Party. This clearly shows the contradictions between the pig power structure if attempting to reach the moon, the Black Panther Party is down on earth trying to meet the needs of the people.

Another obvious attempt that is recognized by the people is the attempt to engage the Illinois Black Panther Party in a war against the people; for example, a war between the Illinois Black Panther Party and the Black "P" Stone Nation or other segments of the people. The people understand that members of the Black Panther Party, the Black Disciples, Young Lords, Young Patriots, and all other revolutionary forces are class brothers -- the lower class fighting the upper class. The people can clearly differentiate between revolutionary and counter-revolutionary forces. We say enemies of the people will never be able to divide and create hostilities between class brothers. We ask those persons who read about attacks against the Black Panther Party and who hear about the vanguard party of the revolution being defined as enemies of the people, to seek out the vanguard of the people's revolution and find, as the people have found, that the vangaurd is the servant of the people. People who launch attacks against the servants of the people are enemies of the people.

Those persons who base their actions on the lies and hypocrisy of the pig power structure (enemies of the people) should re-evaluate them and join in the counter-attack being launched by the masses of the people to protect the vanguard party and other revolutionary forces throughout the world. We say all power to the people and Panther Power to the Vanguard.

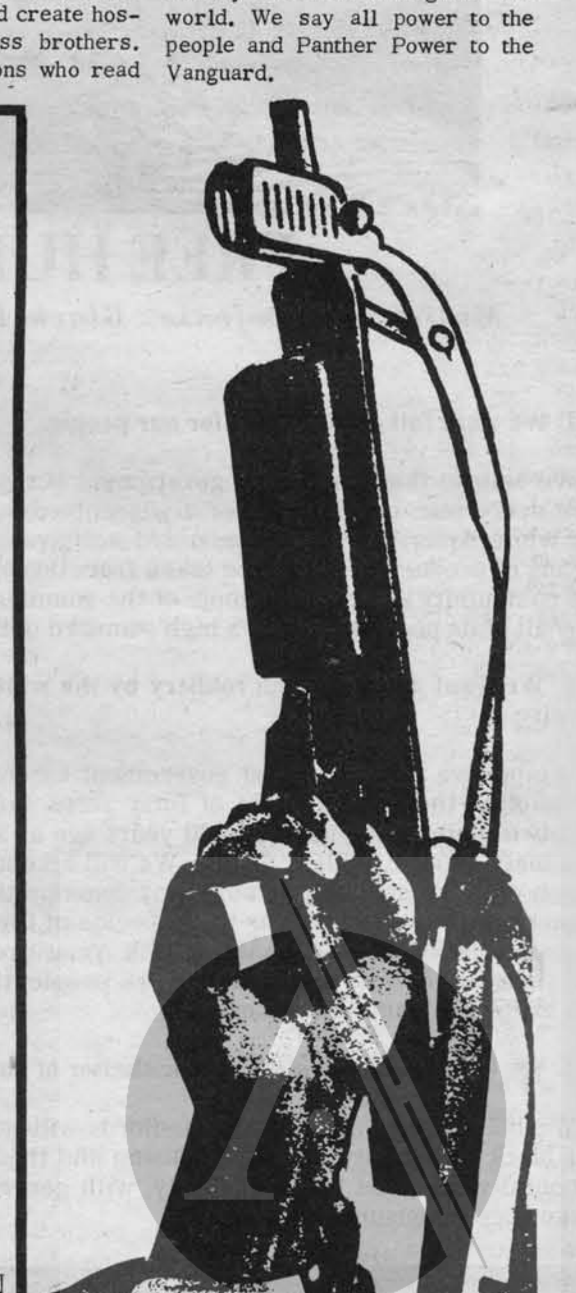


Black Panther National Anthem

Yes - He turned and he walked
Past the eyes of my life.
And, he nodded and sang without sound.
And his face had the look
Of a man who knew strife
And a feeling familiarly came around.
REFRAIN:
I said,
Man, where have you been for all these years
Man, where were you when I sought you
Man, do you know me as I know you
Man, am I coming through
And, he spoke in a voice
That was centuries old.
And, he smiled in a way that was strange.
And, his full lips of night
Spoke about our people's plight
And a feeling familiarly came around.
REFRAIN:
And, we sat and we talked
About freedom and things.
And, he told me about what he dreamed.
But I knew of that dream
Long before he had spoke
And a feeling familiarly came around

REFRAIN

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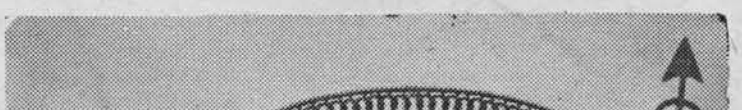


October 1966 Black Panther Party Platform and Program

What We Want What We Believe

1. We want freedom. We want power to determine the destiny of our Black Community.

We believe that black people will not be free until we are able to determine our destiny.



FREE HUEY

Minister of Defense, Black Panther Party

2. We want full employment for our people.

We believe that the federal government is responsible and obligated to give every man employment or a guaranteed income. We believe that if the white American businessmen will not give full employment, then the means of production should be taken from the businessmen and placed in the community so that the people of the community can organize and employ all of its people and give a high standard of living.

3. We want an end to the robbery by the white man of our Black Community.

We believe that this racist government has robbed us and now we are demanding the overdue debt of forty acres and two mules. Forty acres and two mules was promised 100 years ago as restitution for slave labor and mass murder of black people. We will accept the payment in currency which will be distributed to our many communities. The Germans are now aiding the Jews in Israel for the genocide of the Jewish people. The Germans murdered six million Jews. The American racist has taken part in the slaughter of over fifty million black people; therefore, we feel that this is a modest demand that we make.

4. We want decent housing, fit for shelter of human beings.

We believe that if the white landlords will not give decent housing to our black community, then the housing and the land should be made into cooperatives so that our community, with government aid, can build and make decent housing for its people.

5. We want education for our people that exposes the true nature of this decadent American society. We want education that teaches us our true history and our role in the present-day society.

We believe in an educational system that will give to our people a knowledge of self. If a man does not have knowledge of himself and his position in society and the world, then he has little chance to relate to anything else.

6. We want all black men to be exempt from military service.

We believe that Black people should not be forced to fight in the military service to defend a racist government that does not protect us. We will not fight and kill other people of color in the world who, like black people, are being victimized by the white racist government of America. We will protect ourselves from the force and violence of the racist police and the racist military, by whatever means necessary.

7. We want an immediate end to POLICE BRUTALITY and MURDER of black people.

We believe we can end police brutality in our black community by organizing black self-defense groups that are dedicated to defending our black community from racist police oppression and brutality. The Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States gives a right to bear arms. We therefore believe that all black people should arm themselves for self-defense.

8. We want freedom for all black men held in federal, state, county and city prisons and jails.

We believe that all black people should be released from the many jails and prisons because they have not received a fair and impartial trial.

9. We want all black people when brought to trial to be tried in court by a jury of their peer group or people from their black communities, as defined by the Constitution of the United States.

We believe that the courts should follow the United States Constitution so that black people will receive fair trials. The 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution gives a man a right to be tried by his peer group. A peer is a person from a similar economic, social, religious, geographical, environmental, historical and racial background. To do this the court will be forced to select a jury from the black community from which the black defendant came. We have been, and are being tried by all-white juries that have no understanding of the "average reasoning man" of the black community.

10. We want land, bread, housing, education, clothing, justice and peace. And as our major political objective, a United Nations-supervised plebiscite to be held throughout the black colony in which only black colonial subjects will be allowed to participate, for the purpose of determining the will of black people as to their national destiny.

When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume, among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. **That, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that, whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute a new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness.** Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and, accordingly, all experience hath shown, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. **But, when a long train of abuses and unsurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security.**

RULES OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY

CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA..

Every member of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY throughout this country of racist America must abide by these rules as functional members of this party. CENTRAL COMMITTEE members, CENTRAL STAFFS, and LOCAL STAFFS, including all captains subordinate to either national, state, and local leadership of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY will enforce these rules. Length of suspension or other disciplinary action necessary for violation of these rules will depend on national decisions by national, state or state area, and local committees and staffs where said rule or rules of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY WERE VIOLATED.

Every member of the party must know these verbatum by heart. And apply them daily. Each member must report any violation of these rules to their leadership or they are counter-revolutionary and are also subjected to suspension by the BLACK PANTHER PARTY.

THE RULES ARE:

1. No party member can have narcotics or weed in his possession while doing party work.
2. Any party member found shooting narcotics will be expelled from this party.
3. No party member can be DRUNK while doing daily party work.
4. No party member will violate rules relating to office work, general meetings of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY, and meetings of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY ANYWHERE.
5. No party member will USE, POINT, or FIRE a weapon of any kind unnecessarily or accidentally at anyone.
6. No party member can join any other army force other than the BLACK LIBERATION ARMY.
7. No party member can have a weapon in his possession while DRUNK or loaded off narcotics or weed.
8. No party member will commit any crimes against other party members or BLACK people at all, and cannot steal or take from the people, not even a needle or a piece of thread.
9. When arrested BLACK PANTHER MEMBERS will give only name, address, and will sign nothing. Legal first aid must be understood by all Party members.
10. The Ten Point Program and platform of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY must be known and understood by each Party member.
11. Party Communications must be National and Local.
12. The 10-10-10-program should be known by all members and also understood by all members.
13. All Finance officers will operate under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Finance.
14. Each person will submit a report of daily work.
15. Each Sub-Section Leader Section Leader, Lieutenant, and Captain must submit Daily reports of work.
16. All Panthers must learn to operate and service weapons correctly.
17. All Leadership personnel who expel a member must submit this information to the Editor of the Newspaper, so that it will be published in the paper and will be known by all chapters and branches.
18. Political Education Classes are mandatory for general membership.
19. Only office personnel assigned to respective offices each day should be there. All others are to sell papers and do Political work out in the community, including Captains, Section Leaders, etc.
20. COMMUNICATIONS — all chapters must submit weekly reports in writing to the National Headquarters.
21. All Branches must implement First Aid and/or Medical Cadres.
22. All Chapters, Branches, and components of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY must submit a monthly Financial Report to the Ministry of Finance, and also the Central Committee.
23. Everyone in a leadership position must read no less than two hours per day to keep abreast of the changing political situation.
24. No chapter or branch shall accept grants, poverty funds, money or any other aid from any government agency without contacting the National Headquarters.
25. All chapters must adhere to the policy and the ideology laid down by the CENTRAL COMMITTEE of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY.
26. All Branches must submit weekly reports in writing to their respective Chapters.

8 POINTS OF ATTENTION

1) Speak politely.
2) Pay fairly for what you buy.
3) Return everything you borrow.
4) Pay for anything you damage.
5) Do not hit or swear at people.
6) Do not damage property or crops of the poor, oppressed masses.
7) Do not take liberties with women.
8) If we ever have to take captives do not ill-treat them.

3 MAIN RULES OF DISCIPLINE

1) Obey orders in all your actions.

2) Do not take a single needle or a piece of thread from the poor and oppressed masses.

3) Turn in everything captured from the attacking enemy.

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SOUL ON ICE?

"IT IS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME UNTIL THE QUESTION OF THE PRISONER'S DEBT TO SOCIETY VERSUS SOCIETY'S DEBT TO THE PRISONER IS INJECTED FORCEFULLY INTO NATIONAL AND STATE POLITICS, INTO THE CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS STRUGGLE, AND INTO THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE BODY POLITIC. IT IS AN EXPLOSIVE ISSUE WHICH GOES TO THE VERY ROOT OF AMERICA'S SYSTEM OF JUSTICE, THE STRUCTURE OF CRIMINAL LAW, THE PREVAILING BELIEFS AND ATTITUDES TOWARD A CONVICTED FELON." (SOUL ON ICE, P.59)

Eldridge Cleaver made the decision to politically exile himself November 27th, on the basis that the Adult Authority made an outlaw decision, and that he has been denied his constitutional right to due process of law.

The revocation of Cleaver's parole was illegal, because no parole violation was committed.

The Adult Authority parole board has tried to maintain that Cleaver violated his parole by having a rifle in his possession, and by associating with individuals of bad reputation. This contention, we will show, is false. The Adult Authority version contradicts the Superior Court order itself:

"... Cleaver's only handling of a firearm (the rifle) was in obedience to a police command. He did not handle a hand gun at all. There was nothing one way or the other to show a conspiracy or a situation calling for the application of the doctrine of aiding and abetting. Hence, nothing supported either the possession of a firearm or the assault charge.

As to the charge of association with individuals of bad reputation, the report indicated that two or three of those named had "police records," but nothing to show whether any had been convicted of anything, or whether Cleaver knew of their arrest record." (Superior Court c.t. 137, 138, 140, 141.)

Parolee Cleaver was denied due process of law by being denied opportunity to present his case.

Why was Cleaver returned to prison as a parole violator if documented evidence to the contrary had been presented in his defense? To answer that question, one must examine the Adult Authority. This board has the right to arbitrarily revoke or suspend parole on any individual. At the same time, the Adult Authority maintains—falsely—that Cleaver has the opportunity to defend himself at a hearing. This is how it works:

"A parolee is served with violation charges, is interviewed, is given a hearing (before the Adult Authority itself, the charging party) at which the parolee may 'plead' to the parole violation charges, and is afforded an opportunity to present his defense."

"At the 'hearing' a parolee is denied the right to counsel, may not have an independent and impartial officer to conduct the hearing and make decision." (Petition for Hearing in the Supreme Court, p. 17)

Not only does the Adult Authority hold secret hearings, but it also refuses to notify persons under its jurisdiction of its procedures, or of its variable definitions of what constitutes a parole violation. This secrecy and vagueness is in direct violation of federal law which requires agencies to publish their procedures "for guidance of the public."

"Petitioner (Cleaver) is immediately and seriously prejudiced by the Adult Authority's unlawful refusal to publish its regulations, since he is to be imprisoned by virtue of an action which the Adult Authority still seeks to garb in this 'veil of secrecy.' (Petition for Hearing in the Supreme Court, p. 12)

Yes, the Adult Authority acted unjustly and illegally. Its decision was an outlaw decision. Cleaver had no chance of obtaining "justice" from these Star Chamber proceedings. Why then wouldn't the U.S. Supreme Court hear Cleaver's case? There are, we believe, three reasons why the case wasn't accepted. The first is that any fair minded court would obviously have released Cleaver, thereby setting a precedent. The second is that thousands of cases of alleged parole violation from all over California and other states would be subject to reversal. Thirdly, the illegal functioning of the Adult Authority would come under attack. The U.S. Supreme Court just couldn't afford to consider the Cleaver case during this turbulent period.

Eldridge Cleaver is a victim of naked, shameless political persecution. As Judge Sherwin puts it:

" ... The uncontradicted evidence presented to this court indicated that the petitioner had been a model parolee. The peril to his parole status stemmed from no failure of personal rehabilitation, but from his undue eloquence in pursuing political goals, goals which were offensive to many of his contemporaries. Not only was there absence of cause for the cancellation of parole, it was the product of a type of pressure unbecoming, to say the least, to the law enforcement paraphernalia of this state."

Cleaver is in political exile because a man of his convictions cannot get justice here. Indeed, if we are to give more than lip service to the concepts of freedom and justice we must support him. The work to get him discharged from parole must continue. An intense publicity campaign is necessary now to bring to the public the legal defense and arguments which were carried to the courts with no satisfaction. We must all work together to focus attention of this case. This is not an issue of one man's freedom, but a broad struggle which affirms the right of all of us to speak out politically in this country. If Cleaver is not allowed his freedom, it is just a matter of time until all our freedoms are further reduced. His is not a personal struggle but a political one.

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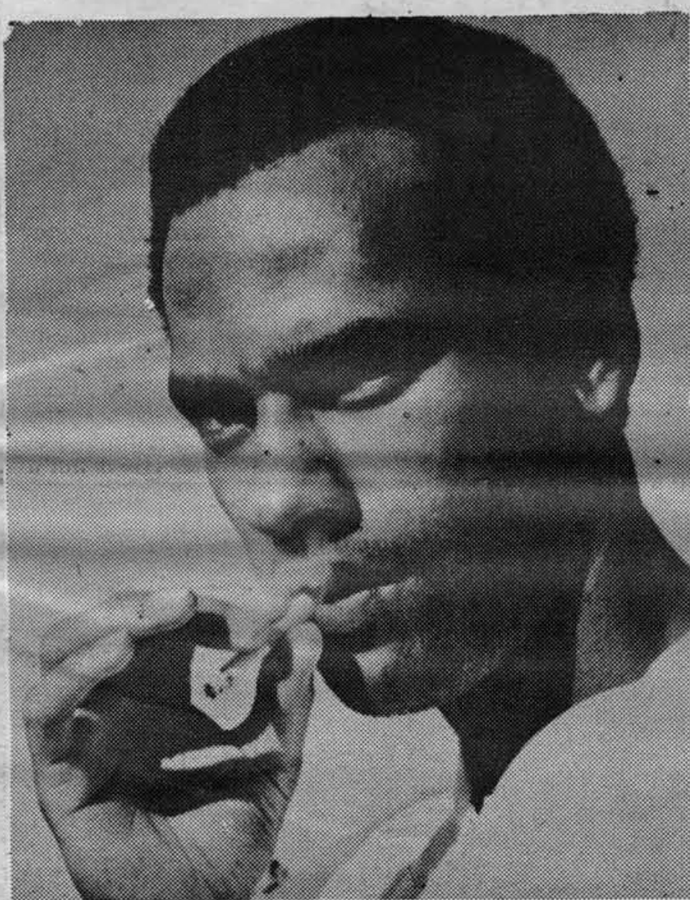
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OAKLAND, California -- The National Advisory Cabinet to the Black Panther Party is working with and for St.Augustine Episcopal Church's program: breakfast in the morning for Oakland's school children in the black community.

All children in grammar schools and growing young adults in Junior High Schools can receive free, FULL BREAKFASTS in the mornings before they go to school. The first of there breakfasts will exist one hour before school hours at St. Augustine's Church, 27th and West, and the Black Community Center, at 42nd and Grove Streets. EVERY SCHOOL MORNING.

The National Advisory Cabinet and church members are calling on all mothers and others who want to work with this revolutionary program of making sure that our young have full stomachs before going to school. The schools and the Board of Education should have had this program instituted a long time ago. How can our children learn anything when most of their stomachs are empty? Black people in the Black Community-mothers, welfare recipients, grandmothers, guardians, and others who are trying to raise children in the black community where racists oppress us - are asked to come forth to work and support this needed program. Soul food: grits, eggs, bread, and meat for the stomachs is where it's at when it comes to properly preparing our children for education. LET'S DO IT NOW. Support this community program.

Those who want to volunteer their work every morning or every other morning can come to the BLACK PANTHER PARTY CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS at 3106 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley or contact Father Niel at these numbers: 534-6684, 893-1016. Interested persons may also contact Ruth Beckford Smith at 893-8211 or sign up with other community peoples and citizens for full stomachs and better education of black children.

We urge as many mothers and other black citizens as possible to unite with this COMMUNITY-BLACK PANTHER PROGRAM. We are also asking all businesses throughout the black community to donate the necessary food and utensils to prepare the foods for our children. Call the Black Panther Office at 845-0103 or 845-0104. Everything of value donated to BREAKFAST FOR CHILDREN is tax deductable. Items or funds may be sent c/o St. Augustine Episcopal Church. Just let us know, both black and white communities and citizens, what you can donate in money, time, etc.

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